JESUS APPEARS TO MARY AND THOMAS

John 20:1–31

Key Verse: 20:17

1. How is Mary Magdalene’s trip to Jesus’ tomb described? (1,2) How are Peter’s and the other disciple’s, and what is different about them? (3–8) What did the location of the cloth that had been around Jesus’ head suggest? (7) What was the limitation of only seeing the evidence of Jesus’ resurrection? (9,10)
2. Meanwhile, what was Mary doing, and why? (11a) When she bent over to look into the tomb, what did she see? (11b,12) What does her interaction with the angels show about her? (13) How is Mary’s encounter with Jesus described, and what did he say to her? (14,15a) What does her response show about her? (15b)
3. How did Mary finally recognize Jesus, and what is the significance of this? (16) Read verse 17. Why did she want to hold onto Jesus, and why should she not? What mission did Jesus give her instead? What new relationship did Jesus’ death and resurrection give to his followers, and what does this mean to us? What did Mary do? (18)
4. How are the disciples described that evening? (19a) How did Jesus appear to them, how did he greet them, and how did he help them believe? (19b,20a) How did meeting him affect them? (20b) What other things did Jesus say to them? (21–23) What can we learn here about their mission and ours?
5. What was Thomas’ initial response to Jesus’ resurrection, and why? (24,25) How did Jesus help him believe? (26,27) What did Thomas confess? (28) What did Jesus say, and what does this mean to us? (29) For what purpose did the author write this Gospel? (30,31) What does it mean to “believe” these things and “have life”?